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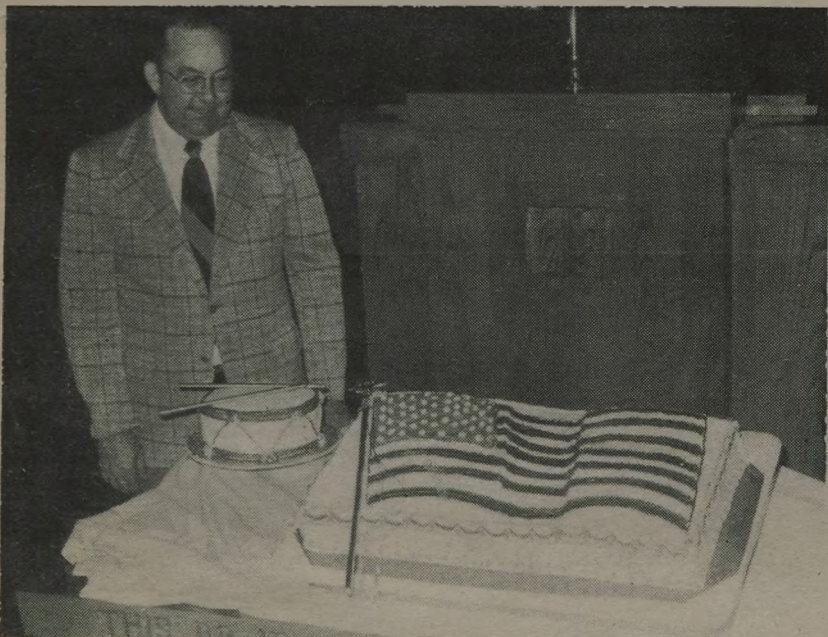
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Nine Years Of Blessing



On February 22nd, the First Baptist Church of Valley City, Ohio celebrated the ninth anniversary of the coming of their pastor - Rev. Jack Wiltheiss. It was a blessed day!

At the morning service, Pastor Wiltheiss brought a message in which he looked back over the years considering what things had been done - to the glory of God. His sermon was based on a text from Acts 14:27. He also brought a challenge concerning their continuing in the work of the Lord. Following the morning service, a beautiful "furled flag" cake was served to the congregation. A time of fellowship was greatly enjoyed.

At the evening service, slides taken during the past nine years, were shown. It was a time of enjoyment looking back into the past.

The organizational meeting for the First Baptist Church of Valley City was held on November 25, 1966 under the direction of State Missionary, Rev. Earl Umbaugh. Brother Wiltheiss began his ministry here on February 19, 1967. At that time, the congregation was meeting in the basement of the Medina County Bank in Valley City. The church was accepted into the OARBC in October of 1967. In these nine years, the church has grown. They now average 247 in their Sunday School.

As the church grew, ground was sought and three acres of land were purchased. Ground breaking ceremonies were held on April 19, 1970. With most of the building labor done by Rev. Wiltheiss, his family, and a few members of the church, the first worship service was held in a new building on November 22, 1970.

Two more building programs have since taken place and the First Baptist Church presently rejoices over the beautiful building located at 6936 Center Road in Valley City.

Pastor Wiltheiss and his people are praising the Lord for His continued blessing. They look ahead to even greater things as they further serve Him!

Pastor Resigns After 27 Years Of Service



Rev. Wilfred Booth of the First Baptist Church of Galion, Ohio has submitted his resignation as of July 1st. This brings to a close a ministry of 27 years in Galion.

Much has been accomplished, with the Lord's enablement, during these years.

A parsonage was purchased and a lovely new church building has been erected. Both the parsonage and the new building are paid for - "in full". A mortgage burning service was held this past November 22nd. A dozen young people have gone forth from this church into full time service for the Lord. They are serving both at home and in the regions beyond.

The Galion church has asked Pastor Booth to stay on as Interim Pastor while they seek a new man. This is agreeable to Pastor and Mrs. Booth. After the church has called a man, they will then look to the Lord for His leading as to a future ministry. This new work will be interim work or a pulpit supply ministry. Our brother is an excellent Bible teacher. Pastors of our fellowship would do well to have him minister in their churches.

GARBC 45th Annual Conference To Be Held At Seattle

Des Plaines, Illinois - "Perspectives in Perilous Times," is the theme of the 45th annual conference of the General Association of Regular Baptist Churches to be held in Seattle, Washington, June 21-25.

The conference this year will be under the direction of Conference Chairman, Rev. Floyd A. Davis. Rev. Harold Scholes will serve as Song Leader. Organist will be Rev. Hall Dautel and Rev. David Morrison will be at the piano.

Dr. Arthur G. Woolsey will be delivering the keynote address. Other evening speakers are Dr. Donald J. Sewell, Dr. Paul Tassell, Rev. Gordon L. Shipp and Dr. Wendell Kempton. During the day sessions the following will be speaking - Rev. James R. Gray, Dr. L. Duane Brown, Dr. Ernest Pickering, Rev. Willis Hull, Evangelist Paul Dixon and Rev. Ralph Gruenbert. A "Symposium on Communism" will be presented by a committee consisting of Dr. George Hess, Dr. Manfred Kober, Rev. Paul Mann and Rev. John J. Ruhlman, Jr.

YOUTH DAYS (for Junior High and Senior High) will be June 24 and 25. Speaking to the youth will be Rev. William Fusco, Rev. David Miller, Rev. David Carder, Rev. John White, Rev. Gerald Cudney and Rev. Frank Hamrick. The "Talents for Christ" competition will hold their semi-finals and finals on the afternoons (2:00 p.m.) of these days.

COLLEGE DAY is June 24th with Mr. Brad Kolbo leading the singing and guest speakers being Dr. Manfred Kober, Professor Bruce Stabbert and Mr. Donald Patton. Brother Donn Jackson will serve as Moderator for this day. Campus Bible Fellowship will present a film entitled - "Life Worth the Living".

Dr. Joseph M. Stowell, National Representative, says, "Our annual conference convenes this year at a time when our world is careening before the storms of anti-Christian movements. In the midst of these ominous storm seas of our local churches is a haven of calm and peace because our Lord is there. The conference itself will be such a sanctuary from our 'perilous times.' However, we will not be just hiding away. We will not be shrinking from the storm. As we enjoy the warmth of sweet fellowship with those of like precious faith, we will get our proper perspective to face and evangelize a lost world. We will gain strength from Bible preaching. We will face anew the challenge of church planting. The high moral standards of the Bible will be set forth in contrast to the moral morass of our era. Our separated stand will be strengthened. Our whole Regular Baptist movement should gain new impetus in its continuing stand for Bible

'Glad To Be An American!'



Recently, your editor had the privilege of viewing a Bicentennial slide presentation entitled 'AMERICA'. It was shown at the Emmanuel Baptist Church in Xenia, Ohio. All who saw it were thrilled. It makes one glad to be an American!

'AMERICA' is a bicentennial slide presentation using twin projectors with a stereo sound track. It is 40 minutes long and features all patriotic music and pictures from Jamestown, Williamsburg, Yorktown, Plymouth, Boston, Lexington, Concord, Philadelphia, Valley Forge and Washington, as well as scenes from all over the United States. The theme is 'Lest we forget - what price freedom', remembering the price paid by those who founded our great country and fought for liberty that we might enjoy the freedom we have today.

The photography and the music are excellent. The entire work was done by Mr. Craig Scheneman who also makes the presentation. Our brother makes his home at 3181 Charlesgate, S.W. in Grand Rapids, Michigan - 49509. In a letter recently received from Brother Scheneman he writes, "We have never charged a fee for presenting the program but have shown it wherever we were invited as the Lord enabled us and we could work it into our schedule. (Editor's note: A free will offering should be given. There is cost involved.) Perhaps we could make another trip to Ohio if there were churches interested in having us some weekend."

We could wish that these could be shown in all of our churches. It is hoped that we might have them as a part of our OARBC conference program in Cincinnati this coming October.

Christianity and against the ever-deepening apostasy. We will return to our tasks at the local church level greatly refreshed."

The General Association of Regular Baptist Churches represents 1,503 local churches united to accomplish mutual concerns on a national and international level through the chaplaincy, radio broadcasts, literature distribution, missions, education and social responsibility. The annual nationwide Bible conference is for spiritual edification, challenge and fellowship.

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Concerning Camp Needs

With the recent warm weather, we are again reminded that Spring is here and summer is just around the corner. One of the highlights of the summer is spending a week at one of our OARBC Youth Camps - Scioto Hills, Skyview or Patmos. To many young people, it has proven to be one of the most memorable experiences of their lives.

Running a camp, though, results in many responsibilities. The trustees of each of our camps feel these responsibilities very strongly. One of the greatest is the financial burden. In the MARCH issue of THE OHIO INDEPENDENT BAPTIST, Brother Jim Phipps brought out the fact that the desire to keep camp fees down has presented a problem now that the DEBT FREE CAMPS (DFC) is no longer operative. There is definite need for financial support on a regular basis from more of our churches, if we are going to meet our obligations.

From time to time, specific needs arise for equipment and supplies. As a trustee for Scioto Hills, I would like to present to our O.I.B. readers two pressing needs. One is for \$2,000 to purchase an available and much needed house trailer for the Assistant Director and his wife. An option to this need would be the donation (for the summer) of a house trailer large enough to house them during the camp program.

Another serious need is for a tractor large enough to handle a bush hog for grass cutting. Please contact Jim Phipps at Cedarville College if you can meet one of these needs. He will put you in touch with the Trustees.

A final request: Scioto Hills Work Week is May 17-22. We would appreciate any help that you could give. Please contact Tim Northey at Memorial Baptist Church, Columbus, Ohio, (614) 276-4946, if you are able to help.

Rev. David Morris
Grace Baptist Church
London, Ohio

A Word From Your Editor. . . .

In grace, the Lord keeps us very much on the go. Since the first of the year, we have ministered in Ohio, New Jersey, Arizona, New York, Wisconsin and Indiana. We have seen His hand of blessing in our meetings. As we look to the future we are trusting Him to continue in giving us of His strength. Our schedule for the summer months, as of this writing, reads as follows. . . .

World Jewish Population

World Jewish population is now estimated at 14,230,000, according to the 1976 American Jewish Yearbook. The total represents an increase of about one million in ten years. Forty-eight percent, or 6.9 million, live in the Western Hemisphere, 5.7 million live in the United States, and almost 2 million live in greater New York City. Slightly more than 4 million Jews live in Europe, and of these, 2.7 million are Soviet citizens. Jews in the rest of Asia number nearly 3 million, all but 100,000 in Israel. There are about 184,000 in Africa, and about 75,000 in Australia and New Zealand.

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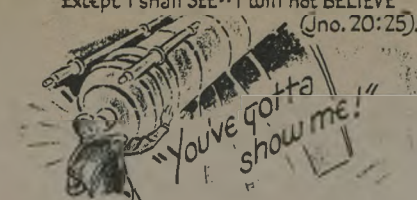
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LOGIC OF MEN - VS. - LOGIC OF GOD !

SEEING is BELIEVING.

"Except I shall SEE... I will not BELIEVE"
(Jno. 20:25)



GET to HAVE.

"I will pull down my barns and build greater; and there will I bestow all my fruits and my goods"
(Lk. 12:18)



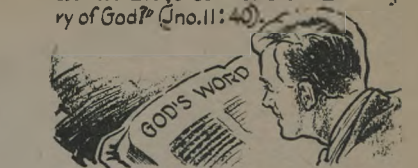
SELF-ASSERTION Brings EXALTATION..

"Pride compasseth them... they have more than heart could wish... they speak loftily... they increase in riches" (Psa. 73:6-12)



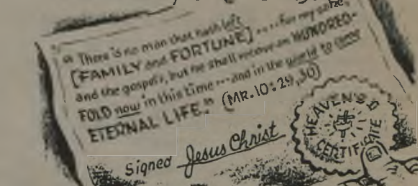
BELIEVING is SEEING.

"Said I not unto thee, that, if thou wouldst BELIEVE, thou shouldst SEE the glory of God?" (Jno. 11:40)



GIVE and GET.

"GIVE, and it shall be GIVEN unto you" (Lk. 6:38)



SELF-HUMILIATION Brings EXALTATION..

"He that HUMBLETH himself shall be EXALTED" (Lk. 14:11)



The Rev. J. Emerson Russell, artist - preacher, and former art director at Cedarville College, is now available for Bible Conferences. He may be addressed at 4 Tecumseh Drive, Chillicothe, Ohio 45601.

May 2-7

Emmanuel Baptist Church, Hinsdale, Ill.

May 9

Oswego Baptist Church, Oswego, Illinois

May 16

Faith Baptist Church, Gallipolis, Ohio

May 20 - June 22

We will be holding four meetings in Hawaii

Our mailing address while there will be -

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June 27-Calvary Baptist Church,

Bellevue, OH.

July 4

Bethel Baptist Church, Warren, Ohio

July 11

Eastmont Bap. Ch., Grand Rapids, Mich.

July 17-23

Camp Manitoumi, Lowpoint, Illinois

**July 25 This is an OPEN DATE

**Aug. 1 This is an OPEN DATE

August 2-8

Shadyrest Bible Conference, Trenton, N.J.

**Aug. 15 This is an OPEN DATE

**Aug. 22 This is an OPEN DATE

**These are OPEN DATES which we would be happy to fill by supplying for pastors while away on vacation. If interested write: Don Moffat, Box 160, Xenia, Ohio 45385.

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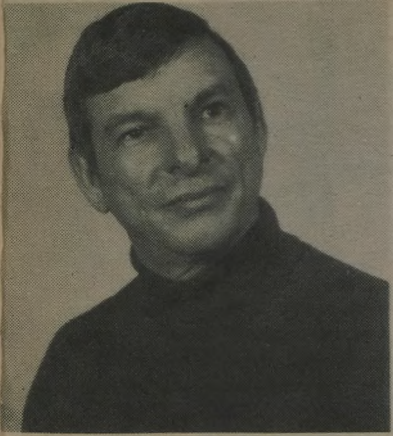
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Maranatha Announces A New Ministry



James McElwee

Beginning May 3rd, Maranatha Baptist Church, Columbus, Ohio, has added to staff Mr. James McElwee, as Pastor's Assistant in the area of counselling.

Maranatha believes this area is vital in the light of the need for pastors to have available professional counselling with a sound biblical and spiritual foundation.

Mr. McElwee graduated from Taylor University and from the University of North Carolina with a Masters Degree in Psychiatric Social Work. He is a member of the National Association of Social Workers, and the National Association of Christian Social Workers. For the past 22 years, he has had varied experience with the Columbus State Hospital, the State Juvenile Diagnostic Center, The Desterlen Home in Springfield, The Willson Children's Center in Columbus and the Franklin County Children Services. His area of experience includes juveniles and teenagers, and, in recent years, family and marital counselling. He has worked with referrals from the Regular Baptist Churches in the Columbus area for a number of years. He has been a member of Regular Baptist Churches for 20 years.

Maranatha feels that this vital service should be available to other Pastors and churches and therefore has designed Mr. McElwee's workload to allow some outside referrals. Pastors should feel free to contact Mr. Elwee at the church office with their questions or for further information.

Outside referrals will be expected to pay a minimal fee. This fee will not go to Mr. McElwee. He is a fulltime staff member of Maranatha Baptist Church.

In commenting on this addition to staff, Dr. Brock refers to the vital need of such professional counselling inasmuch as many times Pastors feel inadequate, and there are few possibilities where Believers can be referred for counselling by those with Conviction and Commitment to the Word. In regards to the minimal fee, he states that Christians should expect to consider this in the line of other professional services, which never come free. The minimal fee will show that the individual or the family is serious, sincere, concerned and willing to accept the responsibility for proper help.



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At the invitation of the church, ten pastors from the Bethany Fellowship, along with four messengers, met with Pastor Michael Richmond and the members of the congregation at the church facility on Route 225, near Ravenna, Ohio.

The council elected Pastor William Alexander of Niles, as moderator, and Pastor Jerry Bell of Struthers, as clerk.

It became readily apparent that careful preparation had been made by the new church in advance of the council's deliberations. The council unanimously extended its satisfaction with the findings, and enthusiastically gave its recognition to this body of believers.

Pastor Richmond is a graduate of the Baptist Bible College of Pennsylvania, and is originally from this area of Northeastern Ohio.

.....Respectfully submitted,
Rev. Jerry L. Bell,
Clerk of Council

New Work Is Moving Ahead



These were baptized

The Lord is blessing the work of the new Chardon Baptist Church. Recently their pastor, Rev. Ross DeFelice, had the joy of baptizing six young people. (See accompanying picture). Five of these young people are all from one family. They are Robert, Mike and Valerie Keller and Paul and Pam Yowell (half brothers and sisters). The lad with glasses is Darren DeFelice, the pastor's son.

In February they held a Sunday School Conference with Rev. Warren Simmons, Christian Education Representative for Hiawatha Baptist Missions. Brother Simmons brought challenging and informative messages — most helpful to Sunday schools whether small or large. He illustrates his messages with flannel board equipment. He intertwined his presentation with the Bi-Centennial theme. His ministry was one of blessing.

On March 14, this new work reached an attendance goal by having 52 in Sunday School and 50 at the morning worship service. They are now hoping to celebrate the Bi-Centennial and their first anniversary by having 76 on Sunday, July 4th. Pray with them to this end!



Rev. Warren Simmons

Artist-Bible Teacher Available For Meetings

The Rev. J. Emerson Russell, whose Bible cartoons appear regularly in THE OHIO INDEPENDENT BAPTIST, is now entering upon a Bible Conference ministry among our Regular Baptist churches.

As former metropolitan newspaper cartoonist, illustrator of the International Sunday School Lessons, Art Director of Cedarville College, Director of Tele-Bible

Time on a number of the more prominent TV stations of Ohio and pastor of the Calvary Baptist Church, Chillicothe, Ohio, Mr. Russell steps into the role of

"strengtheners of the churches", a call which God placed on his heart early in his career as a student in college.

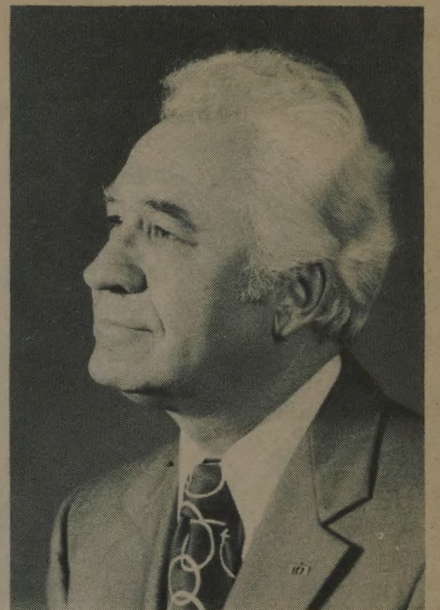
Mr. Russell holds the B.D. degree from Asbury Theological Seminary and the M.A. degree in the Fine Arts from Ohio State University.

Brother Russell's background as an artist-preacher sends him forth into the churches with a combination of Art and Bible exposition. He can expound the Word capably with or without art.

His series of messages include — "The Good Shepherd", "The Names of God", "The Sign of Jonah", "Finishers Wanted", "The Challenge of the Giants", "The Valley of the Giants" and others.

Pastors interested in having Brother Russell at their churches may reach him by writing Rev. J. Emerson Russell, 4 Tecumseh Drive, Chillicothe, Ohio — 45601. (Editor's

Note: We have known Rev. Russell for well over fifteen years. We have come to love and respect him. His ministry would be one of blessing to our churches.)



Rev. J. Emerson Russell

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Heart to Heart Among the Women

—Mrs. Earl Umbaugh — Women's Editor—

Don't Waste A Good No

When I was a teenager, my best girl friend and I, like every other teenager, wanted to have a car of our own. It was depression days and after-school work was almost an unheard thing. However, we began to save our pennies, and on occasion a nickel or a dime. Our chief pastime was to count and dream of driving down the boulevard in our shiny, beautiful car. As the amount began to climb we began to look at used cars.

Our parents began to hear of our plans. Kae's Mom objected with all the right reasons. My mother just listened (and smiled to herself, I'm sure). My dad made no comment. He was a man of few words but no doubt his thoughts were correct. "An impossible dream for two non-mechanics."

We finally came upon a "beautiful" Model T at the Junk Yard. We could visualize it all painted up. The price was about right, too, \$15.00. Our last count showed nearly that much. (It never occurred to us to ask the man to start it up for us!) With excitement we began to boast of our find. My brother just laughed. My folks made no comment. Kae's mom nearly panicked.

That week at school there was a class meeting called to look at and choose our class rings. Class spirit ran high! The design was chosen. They were real beauties. Then the price was quoted. Nearly \$8.00 each for the girls design. Kae and I went home with high spirits, told our folks and gave them the paper to fill out for the purchase. Both our folks related the sad state of their financial affairs and with wide-eyed (and wet-eyed) disappointment we faced the issue. Class rings or THE CAR?

Now, why do I tell you this? A wise parent knows that some problems will solve themselves if they keep a tight lip.

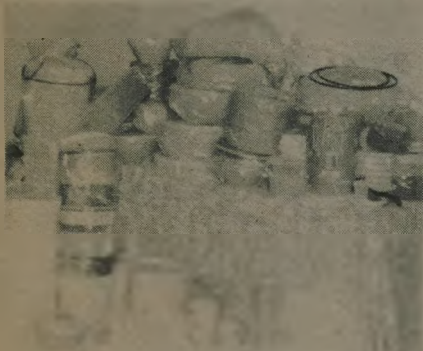
My mother was not the type parent who couldn't say no. But when she said no you knew she had a good reason and no need to beg and plead. Over the years she had said it thousands of times in a variety of ways, reluctantly, firmly, vehemently, sadly and angrily. "It is a word parents use often but skillfully. There is no sense of squandering a good no." The less it is used, the more powerful it becomes.

Colossians 3:20, 21 relates to this subject. Children are to obey their parents in all things, for this is well pleasing unto the Lord. However, parents many times with their indecisiveness or unreasonable objections may provoke their children to anger and often lead them into a discouragement that will effect their motivation and imagination.

I am glad my parents did not dampen our enthusiasm with a needless no. It was a great experience for us to explore the situation and decide on our own that it was not a practical plan.

The class ring now rests in my dresser drawer - "among my souvenirs" long since too small to fit my finger!

Here's An Idea!



For the Missionaries

Recently the Ladies Missionary Union of Grace Baptist Church in Cedarville, Ohio started a missionary cupboard. In order to get some tupperware to give to our visiting missionaries, the ladies of the church were divided into five groups. Each of these groups were invited to a tupperware shower. The women were invited to purchase any tupperware that they wished for their own personal use but they were asked to make one purchase of any item of tupperware for the missionary cupboard. Those of you who are acquainted with tupperware showers know that the hostess gets bonus points for having the shower and for the amount of sales. The five hostesses agreed that they would turn over these bonus points to the Missionary Group to be turned in for additional tupperware. The picture above shows the results.

The ladies purchased a total of \$468.78 worth of tupperware for the missionary cupboard. The bonus amount of tupperware amounted to an additional \$175.12 making the total amount of tupperware given to the church \$643.90.

There's an idea for your church group, ladies!

Women To Hold Five Retreats

In the last month's issue we ran a schedule of the proposed WOMEN'S RETREATS. We have since learned that a few changes have been made. Bettie Barrett will not be the chairman of the Patmos retreat but rather Vicki Jenson. Also, it was listed that the retreat at the Mohican Lodge would be for three days. It is, however, only for two - November 11 and 12. See revised schedule as shown here.

Scioto Hills	Sept. 9, 10, 11 Susan Renshaw, Memorial Bapt. Church Columbus, Ohio
Skyview I	Sept. 16, 17, 18 Marcia Elmore, First Bapt. Church, Coshocton, Ohio
Skyview II	Sept. 23, 24, 25 Yvone Garlich, Huntsburg Bapt. Church Huntsburg, Ohio
Camp Patmos	Sept. 23, 24, 25 Vicki Jenson 348 Demorest Ave., Columbus, Ohio
Mohican Lodge	Nov. 11, 12 Bertha Moore, Cedar Hill Bapt. Church, Cleveland Heights, Ohio

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Women's Missionary Group Formed



The ladies of the Pleasant Hill Baptist Church near Smithville, Ohio met recently at a luncheon/meeting with Mrs. Barbara Williams, State President of the Women's Missionary Fellowship of the Ohio Association of Regular Baptist Churches, to organize a local Women's Missionary Fellowship. Looking over the plans are Glenda Hayes (left), Barbara Williams, Ann Roth, Terrie Sprowl and Karen Yoder.

Concerning Spring Rally At Willowick

The ladies of our O.A.R.B.C. Women's Missionary Union met at the First Baptist Church in Willowick, Ohio for their Spring Rally on Tuesday, April 13. The pastor of this fine church is Rev. Bernard Flanagan. His ladies did an excellent job in making things ready.

Approximately 300 (a little more than that) women gathered in the church's lovely auditorium. Mrs. Barbara Williams, State President, served as Moderator for the day. The congregational singing was under the direction of Mrs. Joyce Ramsey. Mrs. Merle Brock was the organist and Miss Jan Brock was at the piano. Mrs. Sergie Umbaugh led in prayer at the morning service. Special music was presented by the Maranatha Quartet, Mrs. Pauline Kettering and Mrs. Vicki Jenson. Missionaries gave testimonies and messages were delivered by Miss Lucille Brouillet (Metropolitan Missions - BMM - Cleveland) and Mrs. Mildred Bryant (BMM - Jewish work in Columbus). Miss Brouillet spoke on - "Witnessing To Girls" and Mrs. Bryant on - "Witnessing To Adults".

The theme for this rally was "Ye are my witnesses..." The theme song was a chorus written by Mrs. Eleanor Murray - having the same title as the theme - "Ye Are My Witnesses".

There was election of officers. The slate of new officers for this new year appears elsewhere on this page of the O.I.B.

During the afternoon session, a check amounting to \$2647.41 was presented to Editor/Evangelist Don Moffat and his wife, Lois. They were informed that even more would be coming in for them.

"Mortgage Money for the Moffats" was the ladies project for this past year. Needless to say - the Moffats were thrilled!

New projects for the coming year are: (1) a public address system for Camp Patmos, (2) a \$1400 trailer for Scioto Hills and (3) a chapel for Skyview Ranch (\$2000). More will be said regarding these in future issues of the O.I.B.

Everyone was thrilled to see Miss Ruth Nephew at the rally. She is gradually recuperating from her recent accident.

One final word regarding Women's Retreats - FIVE such retreats are being planned for the fall of '76. The schedule of these retreats appears elsewhere in this issue of the O.I.B. The ladies were urged to attend at least one of these retreats.

Berean Women Have A Good Day

The ladies of the Berean Women's Missionary Fellowship met for an all-day meeting at the Euclid-Nottingham Baptist Church on Thursday, April 1st. Mrs. T. L. Bilton, former president, was in charge of the services. There were approximately 100 ladies present. The theme for the day was - "Go ye into all the world...." (Mark 16:15).

Guest speaker for the day was Editor/Evangelist Don Moffat. His wife, Lois, played a number of piano solos. It was Mrs. Moffat's birthday. The ladies sang "Happy Birthday" and presented her with a lovely birthday cake. Missionaries gave testimonies telling of their needs in the work to which the Lord had called them. A lovely time of fellowship was enjoyed at the noon hour. Guest soloist at the morning service was Miss Agnes Zalokar.

During their business session, new officers were elected. They are: President - Mrs. Mary Hughes of West Bethel Baptist Church, Cleveland; Vice President - Miss Bea Andrews of Euclid-Nottingham Baptist Church, Euclid; Secretary - Mrs. Grace Hendershot of West Bethel Baptist Church, Cleveland and Treasurer - Mrs. Becky Cobb of Brookside Baptist Church, Cleveland.

It was a "good day". The Lord blessed throughout!

North Bethel W.M.F. Spring Rally

The Spring Rally of the North Bethel Women's Missionary Fellowship was held on April 1st at the Fostoria Baptist Church. Guest speakers for the day were Rev. Donald Worch, Executive Director of our Baptist Children's Home in Valparaiso, Indiana and Rev. Carson Fremont, A.B.W.E. missionary to Hong Kong. Also, "the Dallas Hyatts" missionary appointees to Paraguay were with us. Hearts were blessed through the messages and testimonies.

Throughout the day there was special music, a Book Fair from Cedarville College and a nursery was provided. The project at this time was money for Rev. John Bigelow, BMM missionary to Alaska. The money will be used for church furnishings in his church planting in Alaska.

Thank You!

Thank You!

We wish to thank the ladies of our OARBC Women's Missionary Union for the money given us at their recent Spring Rally. The total amount received was \$2,647.41 and we've been told there will be even more!

"This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes." (Psalm 118:3). We are amazed at His continued faithfulness! In grace, He continues to "do exceeding abundantly more than we ask or think." (Ephesians 3:20).

This money will indeed help us as we endeavor to meet the mortgage payments on our home! Thank you ladies - thank you very, very much!

Sincerely, in Christ,
Don and Lois Moffat

Northeast Ohio W.M.F. At North Madison

The Northeast Ladies Missionary Fellowship met at the Bible Baptist Church in North Madison, Ohio on March 30th. Mrs. Ethlyn Lucht, Vice-President, conducted the business session in the absence of Mrs. Mary Haynes, President who was ill.

Mrs. Yvonne Garlich had our morning devotions with emphasis on blossoming out and not wilting in our Christian life. Spring is a new season to blossom out for the Lord. We were favored with special music by Mrs. Margaret Domokos. She sang at both the morning and afternoon meetings.

Our Northeast Ohio ladies started a new project which is to give our love offerings to help the Glory Club House project in Cleveland. Our missionary speaker for the day was Mrs. Corrine Jones. She and her husband, Bob Jones, are missionaries to Sao Paulo, Brazil. They are serving under Baptist Mid-Missions. They have been in Sao Paulo for 12 years and are eagerly awaiting their return there in July of this year. Mrs. Jones' presentation was both interesting and challenging.

... Mary Farmwald, Sec'y/Treas.

An Excellent Idea

Due to a sentence written by Don Moffat, Editor of our O.I.B., in an article concerning Miss Ruth Nephe's accident ("We wish we could get news like this sooner.") the ladies of Ohio are forming a "prayer line". The five approved mission agencies of our GARBC will be contacted and asked to inform one lady in Ohio of any prayer request of a "critical nature". This lady in turn will phone another lady from another nearby church who in turn will phone someone else. They will also call the pastor of their church and give him the prayer request so that more people can take the need to the Lord.

If one lady from each of at least 50 churches would take the responsibility to make and pay for one phone call to the nearest possible church, that would be a lot of "prayer power" in a time of need.

If any ladies who are reading this would be interested, please send your name, address and phone number (include your area code) and the name of your church to:

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who is coordinating this prayer request.

We will try to give a record of answers to these prayers (in the O.I.B.) from time to time.

West Moriah Women Meet

The West Moriah Women's Missionary Fellowship held their first luncheon for pastors wives, missionary presidents and officers February 17 at Stan's Restaurant, Columbus, Ohio with 73 women present representing 16 churches of the area. The theme of the luncheon was - "Proclaim Liberty" taken from Lev. 25:10 and Isa. 61:1. Mrs. George Myers, missionary/pastor's wife, serving under Fellowship of Baptists for Home Missions at the Cherry Creek Baptist Church, Columbus, was our devotional speaker. The program was under the leadership of Mrs. Frank Odor, President. Table decorations and programs were done by Mrs. William Bowers, 1st Vice President and Mrs. Richard Regan, Secretary. The table decorations and programs were carried out in patriotic motif. Special music was provided by the "Officers Trio" consisting of Mrs. Odor, Mrs. Edwin Augenstein, 2nd Vice-President and Mrs. Regan. They were accompanied by Mrs.

Canton Area W.M.F.

Miss Patsy King presented her work in the Central African Republic to the ladies of our Canton Area Women's Missionary Fellowship. The meeting was held on April 27th in the Canal Fulton Baptist Church of Canton, Ohio. The theme for this meeting was - "To The Ends Of The Earth." An excellent program was arranged by the Executive Committee.

James Horn, Treasurer. Many wonderful ideas for projects and banquets were shared by the different church groups during the "Share 'n Show Time". Colored slides were shown concerning the current project - "A Freezer for the Baxters" of Fallsburg.

The SPRING RALLY will be held at the Bible Baptist Church, 50 Price Road, Newark, Ohio on May 18th. The meeting will begin at 10:00 a.m. A special feature will be a panel discussion on starting "new Churches". A pot-luck dinner will be observed.

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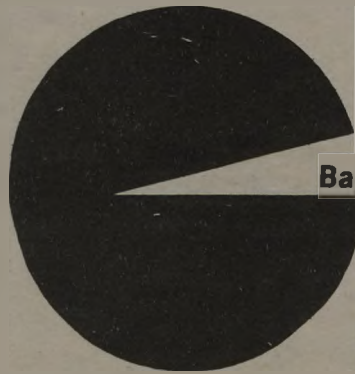
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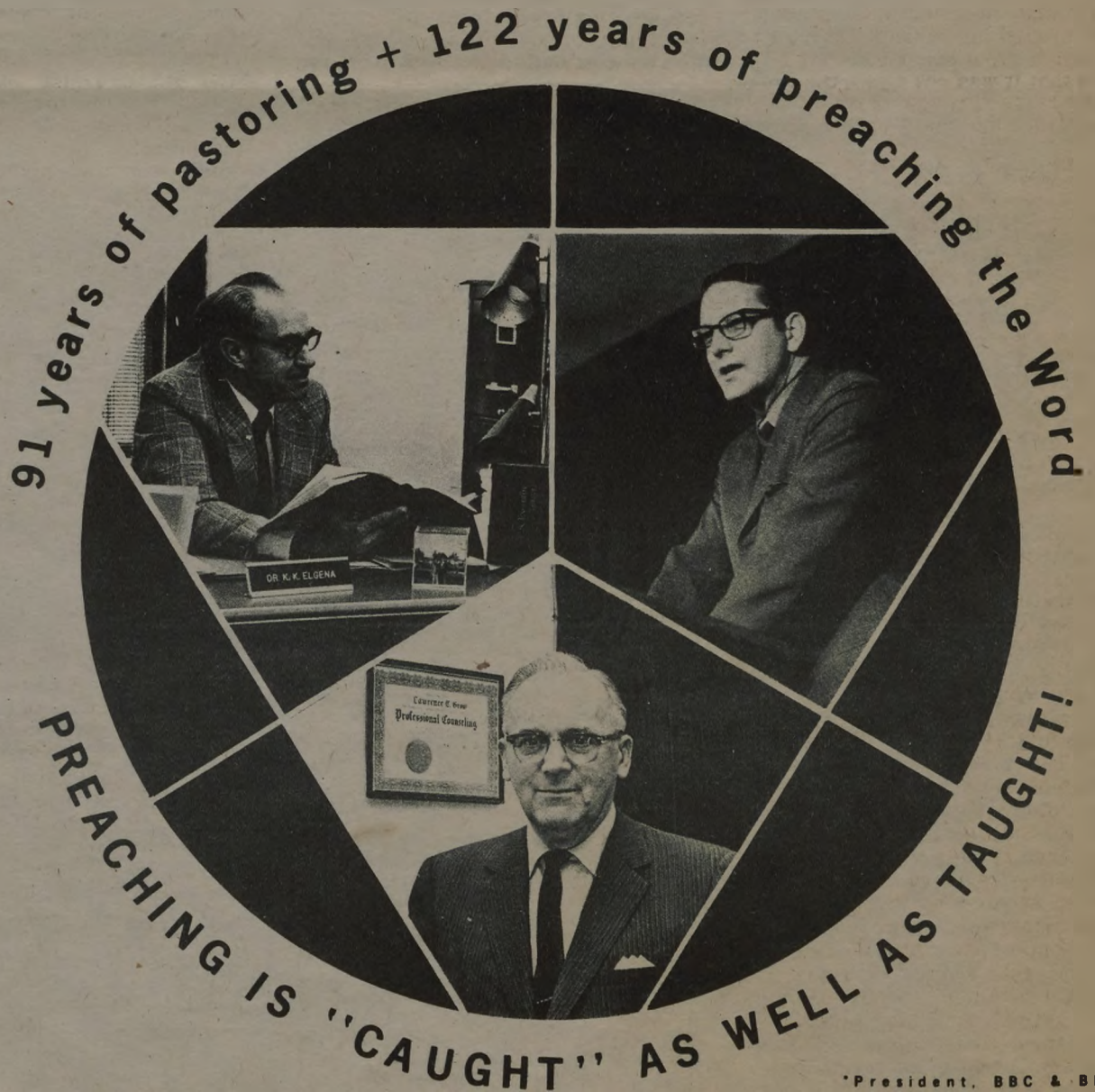
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The Lord blessed in our special meetings with Evangelist/Editor Don Moffat and his wife, Lois. We praise the Lord for His continued blessing on our church!

SOUTH CANAAN BAPTIST CHURCH, ATHENS-

Missionary Appointee to the Chad-Miss Elaine A. Schultz was with us for our Missionary Day on April 25th. Miss Schultz has served as a staff-nurse at both Cedarville College and Skyview Ranch. Miss Pat Barkley (ABWE-Bangladesh) will be speaking at our Mother-Daughter banquet on May 14th. At that time, we will be representing her with quilts to be used in Bangladesh.

BIBLE BAPTIST CHURCH, BEDFORD-

Hearts were stirred through our Annual Missionary Conference-April 10-14. Guest missionaries were-"the Tom Wills" family, Bob Vance and Pat Barkley. The conference had a Bi-Centennial theme-"A Strong Home Base". The Conference text was-Proverbs 14:34 which reads, "Righteousness exalteth a nation; but sin is a reproach to any people." We will be holding our Daily Vacation Bible School June 14-18.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, BLANCHESTER-

The Lord gave us a very good missionary conference. Our theme was-"Fishing For Men Around The World". The messages were warm and most challenging. We recently received a check for \$2,000. This was money left to us by Mr. Pete Romohr. He had designated this amount in his will for our church. We praise the Lord for our brother's generosity and his concern for the church. We have called Mr. David Carroll to serve as our Music and Youth Minister. He is presently attending Cedarville College. He will begin his ministry here in early June.

CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH, BUCYRUS-

A Cedarville College student, Miss LaVerne Kirby, told us of her work this past summer in Israel. She had gone there under Cedarville's M.I.S. program. Missionary Raymond Greer (BMM-Japan) was with us on March 14. Our choir presented an Easter Cantata. The ladies of our church had a good time at their Mother-Daughter banquet. On May 9 and 16 we will be celebrating our 25th anniversary as a church. Evangelist Bob Sumner will be holding meetings here July 4-11. It will be a God and Country Bi-Centennial Crusade.

WHIPPLE AVENUE BAPTIST CHURCH, CANTON-

The challenge of Germany and her need for the gospel was presented by Baptist Mid-Missions' missionary, Rev. John Beach. They have only recently become a part of our missionary family.

GRACE BAPTIST CHURCH, CEDARVILLE-

Miss Edie Philipps recently gave a slide presentation to our Ladies Missionary Society showing the need for the gospel in Bangladesh. She is an appointee to Bangladesh and will be serving under the Association of Baptist for World Evangelism.

NORWOOD BAPTIST CHURCH, CINCINNATI-

In April we hosted the Xenia Fellowship of Regular Baptist Ministers. Dr. N.A. Wiens, Director of Seminary Ministries and Professor of Practical Theology at Grand Rapids Baptist Seminary was the guest speaker. His theme was-"The Church in the Inflationary Age". Although it isn't until October-we are looking forward to having the 49th Annual O.A.R.B.C. conference here in our church!

CLINTONVILLE BAPTIST CHURCH, COLUMBUS-

During February we saw a record number of new members join our church. Some 23 candidates appeared before our Board of Deacons and were later voted into the membership.

HOPE BAPTIST CHURCH, COLUMBUS-

Karate expert Dean Blakeney was with us for meetings-April 18-23. The Lord blessed. Our Mother-Daughter banquet was held April 24th. Mrs. Bert Frye, chalk artist, was the guest speaker. Mr. Robert White, Admissions Director at Cedarville College and former fullback for Ohio State's football team will be speaking at our Father-Son banquet on June 12th.

IMMANUEL BAPTIST CHURCH, COLUMBUS-

Miss Barbara Cooper, appointee to Hong Kong, under the Association of Baptists for World Evangelism was with us on March 14. Miss Cooper is a missionary nurse. She presented her challenge with a missionary display, slides and by giving a personal testimony. Her presentation was excellent.

MARANATHA BAPTIST CHURCH, COLUMBUS-

We enjoyed the ministry of the Cedarville College Choralaires.

MEMORIAL BAPTIST CHURCH, COLUMBUS-

On April 11, the Children for Christ were at our church for the evening service. This was a part of their Annual Rally. Rev. Leeland Crotts showed slides of his recent trip to Palestine. Evangelist Bill Compton of Chattanooga, Tennessee was with us for evangelistic meetings. He is a fine evangelist. The Lord gave us good meetings. On April 25th, after the evening service, we surprised our pastor, Rev. Don Winters, and his wife with a celebration of their 40th wedding anniversary. Mrs. James T. Jeremiah spoke at our Mother/Daughter Tea. Dr. Charles Rhodes (BMM-Central Africa Republic) spoke here on May 16th.

PINE HILLS BAPTIST CHURCH, COLUMBUS-

Our choir presented a cantata entitled-"Easter Celebration". Our missionaries from Martinique, the John Weeks, were with us on April 25th and Missionary Richard Vollnogle of Guatemala on the 28th. Our AWANA attendance hit a new high of 140 boys and girls. This was on April 1st.

COUNTY LINE BAPTIST CHURCH, DAYTON-

The Women's South Bethel Rally this year was held in our church. On March 21st, we were privileged to have Rev. Richard Durham (ABWE-Philippine Islands) speak at our evening service. The new Bi-Centennial Film-"In God We Trust" was shown at our Easter Sunrise service. Our Parent-Teen Crusade with Evangelist J. Brubaker will be held May 16-23.

LAKEVIEW BAPTIST CHURCH, DUNDEE-

Missionaries Carl and Ethel Thomason were here on April 25th. Our ladies will be having their Mother-Daughter banquet May 21st.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, ELYRIA-

Mrs. Donn (Kitty) Ketcham (ABWE-Bangladesh) spoke to the ladies of our Women's Missionary Fellowship. The Grand Rapids College Chorale sang here on Wednesday evening of March 31. We've been doing some landscaping of our property. We praise the Lord for blessings received through our missionary conference. Brother Mike Coyle was with us for Palm Sunday. His ministry of music was excellent. Professor James Grier of Cedarville College was guest speaker for our Bible Conference-May 2-5.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, GALION-

We held our annual Pre-Easter services on April 14, 15 and 16. Our guest speaker this year was Editor-Evangelist Don Moffat. His wife, Lois, favored us with a number of her beautiful piano solos.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, GALLIPOLIS-

Missionaries Rev. and Mrs. John Kennedy told us of their work of declaring God's Word in England. Our youth made a trip to Piedmont Bible College and Bob Jones University. Our Vacation Bible School this year is scheduled for June 7-16. Recent speakers in our church were Dr. J.B. Williams and Dr. Ian Paisley.

HINCKLEY RIDGE BAPTIST CHURCH, HINCKLEY-

Our Senior High School students, along with our pastor-Rev. Edmundson-recently visited Cedarville College. Don Vittner, Christian counselor and psychologist spoke here Sunday March 14.

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LEAVITTSBURG BAPTIST CHURCH-

We celebrated our 8th Anniversary, as a church, on March 21st. We were led in special evangelistic services by Missionary-Pastor Carl Thomason (BMM) of the Mount Pleasant Baptist Church in Mount Pleasant, Ohio. We have had several singing groups with us recently-"The Gospel Inspirations" from Akron, Ohio and a local singing group-"The Good News Trio".

LEMOYNE BAPTIST CHURCH-

Eight were recently baptized and received into our church family. The baptismal service was held at the Berean Baptist Church, Oregon, Ohio. We are now in the process of purchasing six acres of land on State Road 163 and Bradner Road for a permanent location. We praise the Lord for His many marvelous blessings.

GRACE BAPTIST CHURCH, LIMA-

We were privileged to have the Cedarville College Choir. Under the able directing of Dr. David Matson, they sang to the glory of the Lord. Hearts were blessed. Too, we were privileged to have Dr. James Phipps, also of Cedarville College, minister here. We are still thanking the Lord for the Paul Dixon meetings held in March.

FELLOWSHIP BAPTIST CHURCH, LORAIN-

Recently Mrs. Jan Wills (BMM) spoke to our Ladies Missionary Fellowship. Rev. David C. Dunkin (FBHM) ministered here on March 21st. We just selected the name "Fellowship Baptist Church". We are a merger of the Emmanuel Baptist Church and the Trinity Baptist Church. The Lord is enabling us to work out all problems. Missionary Roger Bacon of Evangelical Baptist Missions spoke here. Hong Kong and its needs were presented by Missionary Carson Fremont (ABWE). We thank the Lord for the blessings received through the ministry of Rev. Earl Willetts our Interim Pastor.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, MEDINA-

We were blessed through our Spring Bible Conference with Dr. Robert Lightner of Dallas Theological Seminary. We will be holding our Vacation Bible School this year July 19-23.

MOGADORE BAPTIST CHURCH-

Our special meetings with Dr. Bill Piper proved a blessing. One evening we had a "Praise God for America" night with patriotic readings, songs and prayer prior to the message. The auditorium was decorated beautifully in red/white/blue by our Teens. Plans have been worked out to hold our Second annual Missionary Conference scheduled for September 25-29. Our Teens have won or placed in various competitions in the Word of Life program and will go on to regional competitions in Columbus soon.

HARMONY HILL BAPTIST CHURCH, NEW MATAMORAS-

Brother Dave Truit of Skyview Ranch was with us and showed slides of all that is going on at the ranch...and plans for this summer. We recently held a Bible reading contest and those over 40 read the most...those 19 to 40 ran a close second!

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, NILES-

It was a delight to have Rev. Ralph Burns minister here on March 21st. Our Vacation Bible School will be held June 14-18.

BIBLE BAPTIST CHURCH, NORTH MADISON-

Our pastor, Rev. Roland Globig, spoke at the First Baptist Church in Willowick, Ohio. We praise the Lord for the continued growth in our AWANA program. Our Spiritual Life Conference will be held May 9-14. Pastor Carl Loturco of Grove City, Pennsylvania will be our guest speaker during these days. We recently hosted the Northeast Ohio Association of Women for their Spring Missionary Rally. Mrs. Robert Jones (BMM-Brazil) was guest speaker.

NORTH OLMSTED BAPTIST CHURCH-

Rev. James Dersham, Executive Director of F.B.H.M. ministered here Sunday evening, March 28th. Our pastor, Dr. Kenneth Good, was guest speaker at a Bible Conference in Shippenburg, Pennsylvania.

SOUTHGATE BAPTIST CHURCH, SPRINGFIELD-

Brother Steve Boalt presented a concert here during April. Also, in April, we enjoyed "the Ellsworth Concert" and music by the Grand Rapids Baptist College Wind Ensemble. On May 23rd, our choir will present a cantata entitled-"Let Freedom Ring".

THE FUNDAMENTAL BAPTIST CHURCH, TALLMADGE-

Our Missionary Conference was held April 2, 3, and 4. Missionaries having a part in the conference were-Mr. and Mrs. Tom White (HBM-Canada), Miss Patsy King (BMM-Central Africa Republic), Mr. and Mrs. Joel Kettering (BMM-Jamaica) and Mr. and Mrs. James Parsons (BMM-Ghana, Africa). We viewed the film-"I Beheld His Glory". Our pastor, Rev. Albert E. Johnson, and his wife, and two others from our church (Mrs. Montez Hammock and Mrs. Penny Arnold) toured the countries of Egypt and Israel.

BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH, TOLEDO-

The Emmanuel Christian School choir sang here on Friday evening, April 16th. On the 25th of April we began a Sunday School campaign-"Spirit of '76". We desire to establish new records in our Sunday School attendance. Pastor Clifford Boessel has begun a series of messages (on Sunday evenings) discussing "Cults and Isms".

EMMANUEL BAPTIST CHURCH, TOLEDO-

We held our Missionary Conference May 4 and 5. In this conference we presented the work of the HIAWATHA BAPTIST MISSIONS. Rudy Atwood, former pianist of the Old Fashioned Revival Hour was with us on May 9th.

GRACE BAPTIST CHURCH, TOLEDO-

The Faith Baptist Bible Chorale were here on April 16. Several patriotic selections in the musical program commemorated our Bicentennial year. The Chorale was under the direction of Professor James Wolfe. Some of Jr. High and Sr. High young people made a trip to Bob Jones University and Tennessee Temple Schools. Brother Jack Willetts, Director at Camp Patmos, gave us a Camp Patmos presentation. We thank the Lord for the splendid camps we have in Ohio.

VIENNA BAPTIST CHURCH-

It was a joy to have Dr. Robert Gromacki, Chairman of Biblical Education and Professor of Bible and Greek at Cedarville College, ministered here recently.

BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH, WARREN-

The Swordbearers of Cedarville College were here in early April. Brother John Canine will be leading us in special evangelistic services May 2 through 7. Our ladies are anticipating a time of blessing at their Mother-Daughter Tea which will be held May 14. Mr. and Mrs. Doug Shuster from the Bible Club Movement (most talented working with puppets) presented the gospel at one of our Sunday evening services.

CHAMPION BAPTIST CHURCH, WARREN-

The men of our church recently paneled the sanctuary. It greatly enhances the auditorium. We had a special prayer service honoring Debbie Walker (our own church missionary) who will be going to New Guinea. The Faithway Baptist College of Memphis, Michigan was with us on April 11. We viewed the film-"I Beheld His Glory". Our own choir presented the cantata-"No Greater Love". May 8-9 is the 12th anniversary of our church and we will be having the Cedarville College SWORDBEARERS with us at that time.

WHEELERSBURG BAPTIST CHURCH-

We held our annual Mother-Daughter banquet on April 29th. The Lord blessed on April 11th when we gathered for the setting of the cornerstone of our new Education building. The services of the day were blessed by the Lord. Our Vacation Bible School has been scheduled for July 12-16.

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ON TARGET WITH MISSIONS

V. Ben Kendrick

Each month "On Target With Missions" brings to its readers facts and figures provided for the column by the approved mission agencies of the General Association of Regular Baptist Churches. My only problem (and it is a good problem to have) is to condense the vast amount of information given to me to pass on to you so that it will be both timely and interesting. I do pray that this focus on missions provides you with information which is both helpful and challenging.

The ASSOCIATION OF BAPTISTS FOR WORLD EVANGELISM shares with us some interesting news about its work in West Africa. For centuries the dark continent of Africa was largely composed of colonial nations. In recent years, influences from inside and out have been changing the character of government in these countries. Missionary labors have been deeply affected by those who have been for and against gospel witness. Into the changing times of the nation of Togo, ABWE's missionaries, Rev. and Mrs. Dallas Washer, felt led to invest their labors. One avenue of effective missionary endeavor has been Mrs. Washer's ministry among the blind. Nothing was being done for them, either by mission groups or government; therefore, the Togolese government looked favorably upon such a project. In establishing the Blind Center in the capital city of Lome, Mrs. Washer builds upon years of experience she has had in another African nation. A former Muslim young man who loves the Lord is now working with her and Mr. Washer in the Center.

These students come from many villages in Togo. The missionaries teach Braille and useful handicrafts and have effective Bible-teaching classes with these sightless folk. As Mr. Washer teaches Bible each morning, he finds they retain so much from God's Word in their heads since they cannot take notes yet.

To exhibit love and concern for the blind certainly opens their hearts for the message of the gospel, as has been evidenced by several conversions. Three of the students presently attending are not saved, but one seems very close to receiving Christ. If he does, his family will no longer feed him when he returns home. Even these blind believers must suffer for Christ. Pray for this work among a forgotten group of Togolese.

It is always a blessing to hear of progress being made on the mission field. Let's take a quick trip to Alaska and see what is happening there through BAPTIST MID-MISSIONS. Spanning four time zones -- Pacific, Yukon, Alaska, and Bering -- the 49th State is one of the most challenging mission opportunities in the world today. Baptist Mid-Missions has 26 missionaries serving on ten stations in this northern state. The ministries, although varied, have the same objectives, that of evangelizing and planting local churches. In the extreme southwestern peninsula there are the bush plane ministries at Levelock and Iliamna where Everett Bursell and Rev. and Mrs. Donald Richter minister respectively. These efforts involve float planes in the summer and snow mobiles in the winter. Much progress has been seen in reaching the Aleutians in their own villages.

In Anchorage, the State's largest city, one church has already become self-supporting and building plans are ready for the ground-breaking of the second work. In the Kenai Peninsula southwest of Anchorage, there are two self-supporting churches, four mission stations, and a camp. Directly south of Anchorage on the largest island just off the Aleutian Peninsula is Berean Baptist Church which is already on a self-supporting basis. The missionaries there, Rev. and Mrs. Richard Marsh, have moved into an area north of Anchorage where they are beginning their second ministry. Another ministry north of Anchorage is located at Eagle River where a converted movie theater has become Northland Baptist Church.

In conjunction with Baptist Mid-Missions' church-planting ministry in Alaska, there is situated in the city of Anchorage the Alaska Baptist Bible Institute. Missionary Charles Reeves is director of this institute, which is developing a very full curriculum both in correspondence and classroom instruction. One particular ministry which presents a definite open door is that of a launch ministry ministering to the logging camps in the hundreds of islands in southeast Alaska. A recent request has come from the missionaries that this need be made known to the Christian public here in the lower 48. There is an immediate need of at least eight additional couples to augment the missionary force in this 49th State.

The FELLOWSHIP OF BAPTISTS FOR HOME MISSIONS reports that Church Buildings Committee, the investment arm of the Mission, has experienced a substantial increase: over \$110,000 in investments were added in the month of January of this year. Another note of praise is that new audio-visual brochures have precipitated a new vitality to that department as requests for slide-tape presentations have greatly increased during the past month.

The Joy Club ministry is rapidly growing. Mrs. Dunham of the Joy Club ministry reports an increasing number of inquiries from churches contemplating beginning clubs. Workers are desperately needed in this area. FBHM asks young people who are interested in the ministry of home missions to give prayerful consideration regarding a possible ministry as Directors of Joy Clubs. Applications can be obtained by writing Fellowship of Baptists for Home Missions, P. O. Box 455, Elyria, Ohio 44035.

HIAWATHA BAPTIST MISSIONS is rejoicing in the many doors of opportunities set before them. Missionaries have recently begun labors in the states of Texas, Illinois, Nebraska, and Vermont. Praise is given to the Lord for recognition services that are planned for two mission churches the early part of this year in Iowa and Minnesota. In all, four churches will have graduation services this year as a result of becoming self-supporting.

Of special interest lately is the emphasis placed on a new program, BICENTENNIAL OPPORTUNITIES, a program that centers primarily on constructing church buildings. During the last eight years, five additions, the Mission home-office improvements, and numerous remodeling jobs. The Bicentennial Opportunities Fund enables mission churches to obtain money for building at 3% interest on the unpaid balance. Forty per cent

Faith Baptist Bible College News

COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES

Commencement exercises were held on May 7th for 98 Faith Baptist Bible College students. Services were held in the Gym-Convo-cation building.

Dr. Ben Strohhahn, pastor of the Campus Baptist Church in Ames, Iowa presented the graduation address which was entitled "Prepared" taken from Joshua 1:8.

A Bicentennial Musicales began the commencement events on May 6th. This was held in front of the flagpole on Faith Baptist Bible College campus. Taking part in the celebration were the Chorale, Ladies' Chorus, Mensingers, Band, soloists and small ensembles. All of the musical groups combined in the Grand Finale by singing - "God Bless America" which was complimented by fireworks.

SUMMER SCHOOL

Two terms of summer school of four weeks each are being offered at Faith Baptist Bible College this year. The first term runs from May 17 through June 11; the second, from June 14 through July 9.

This opportunity is especially good for students who need to pick up one or two courses, and for pastors or church workers who desire concentrated study in one particular area.

Rates include a matriculation fee of \$10.00 for all new students; tuition charge of \$35.00 per semester hour; room rate of \$12.50 per week or \$50.00 per month; and a library fee of \$.50 per semester hour. Noon meals are available.

Registration date for the summer term is April 28. Information on classes offered is available by writing to Registrar Vernon Bliss.

YOUTH CONFERENCE

Nearly 450 eager junior and seniors from high school swarmed the

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Miss Lillian Burkhardt

A commissioning service for Miss Lillian Burkhardt, missionary appointee to the Central African Republic, was held on Wednesday, January 28 at Grace Baptist Church of Cedarville.

Dr. Raymond Buck, Baptist Mid-Mission's foreign secretary, gave the Charge to the Church while Pastor Paul Jackson gave the Charge to the Missionary.

Grand Avenue Baptist Church of Fairborn where Lillian holds an associate membership also shared in the service and in a time of fellowship and reception following the service.

Faith Baptist Bible College campus on March 25 to 27 to experience a segment of college life. Visitors traveled from as far west as Arizona and as far east as Ohio.

"Let's Go For a Walk" taken from 1 John 1:7 described the theme chosen for the conference. Workshops and messages by Evangelist Paul Dixon centered on the Christian's walk.

Other highlights included a full-length Chorale concert, a drama presentation, a semi-formal banquet and a Christian film.

of the funds will be applied to office improvements, office supplies, needed office help, equipment, promotion, literature, etc. A Bicentennial certificate has been prepared for those who share in this program.

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The Missionary Needed Today - Still

by D. Payton

Societies are constantly changing, ours being no exception. In that process of change there are also accompanying subtle changes in Christian ministries.

Take missions for instance. Are we moving toward an era of "specialized ministries" in our mission programs? Ted W. Engstrom of World Vision International writing to answer how should we prepare today's child for tomorrow's missions predicts:

Whereas most missionaries in the past have had to be "career" types, those of the future (North Americans, at least) will be a new breed. There are already several thousand "short term" missionaries -- doctors, nurses, mechanics, agriculturalists, economists, writers, technicians of every description -- serving six months to three years on mission fields throughout the world.

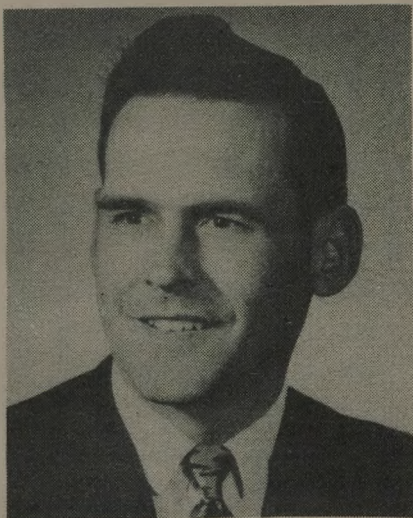
This trend is still relatively new and I would surely plant the thought with today's children that they could be part of this work force for God at some point in their futures. ("Preparing Today's Child For Tomorrow's World," *Evangelizing Today's Child*, p. 8, Nov/Dec., 1975)

An example of this trend can easily be given by almost any furloughing missionary of today. The approach comes off something like this: a fine looking young man comes to the missionary following a missionary conference or day's services in a local church and after a discussion of varying length the tete-a-tete closes by, "Well, if you ever need a physicist over there, let me know."

But we don't need a physicist over there. At least not *per se*. The real need is a physicist who heeds God's call to the ministry and who will become a church planter, setting aside physics. Would not our churches demand the same of a physicist (or any similar professional) who candidates for a home missions ministry? Did not our Lord call Peter and company to leave behind their profession and become fishers of men? And for a further precedent did not a doctor named Luke set aside his profession to join up with a church planting team (Acts 16:10-16; 20:5-21:18; 27:1-28:16)? Listen to H. L. Payne, director of the Belgian Gospel Mission, writing some years ago in *The Sunday School Times* in which he speaks of "the real problem of missions".

It is not just more foreign missionaries who are needed; it is missionaries who know how to found churches. . . This is the Bible method; found churches in the centers of population and let them evangelize the surrounding area. . . I make bold to say that a 1,000 percent increase in foreign missionaries without this renewal of assembly building and grass roots responsibility will not do the job in Latin Europe. Give us men. . . ready to risk their lives for the church that Christ loved and for which He gave Himself. (church bulletin insert, Bethel Baptist Church, Harlan, Iowa, Nov. 9, 1975)

Church planters, we firmly assert, are essential to true mission endeavor. Perhaps it has developed that the church planting ministry is considered outdated in a new generation of our fundamental Christian faith. "Oh, no!" you say. "Maybe in the modernistic circles but not in ours!" Then again ask any furloughing missionary since 1970, as he's been challenging churches here in the homeland, how many have come in dedication of life to answer the mission call -- the church planter call? We challenge our local churches to once again plant the seed in the upcoming generation that the order of the Lord is still "Go. . . disciple. . . baptize. . . teach" (Matthew 28:19, 20) and that church planting has most certainly not been outdated but is missions! We lay the burden at the door of the home churches. A furloughing missionary reaps only what the churches have been sow-



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ing through their teaching. If there is a lack of response to the church planting ministry is not the cause to be found in the lack of said teaching in the Sunday School and pulpit?

But why consider the whole thing a serious problem? Isn't one type of mission endeavor as good as the other? Do not they all fall under the Great Commission of Matthew 28:19, 20?

Let's look at how God ordered it done in the Missionary Handbook, the Book of Acts. Let's see how the first disciples interpreted the Great Commission. Let's see by their procedure what our method and goal should be as we endeavor to fulfill taking the gospel to all nations and strike a wedge into Satan's domain. Paul gives us the blueprint for the job in Acts 14:

First we read, "And when they had preached the gospel to that city. . ." (21a). That's the essential for beginning a church anywhere. God has promised to bless the preaching of the gospel, though in the eyes of the world it is foolishness. No gimmicks, no rice handouts. Nothing material to offer. Just the soul-changing gospel.

It will take some doing on the part of the missionary to hold that bearing. Storms of criticism -- and sometimes outright ridicule and scorn -- will hinder, if possible, his staying true to that course without deviating into some social welfare program which is the world's view of missions. Nevertheless, like Paul of old we're to be men with a message not a meal-ticket.

"But you can't expect people to give heed to a gospel that has no 'fringe benefits'." Missions should have in mind the welfare of the body as well. We suggest a philosophy of missions that will let the nationals develop their own philanthropic ministries. Teach the converts to care for their own (I Timothy 5:8-10, 16; II Thessalonians 3:10-15). They know their own much better than the missionary. And besides, we're charged before Christ and the elect angels to so teach (I Timothy 5:21). The missionary's job is planting the gospel seed and founding God's appointed institution, the local church.

Secondly, when God gives the in-

crease to the missionary's preaching, let his program now be one where he has "taught many" (21b). The Great Commission is not finished with seeing man and women receive Christ as their Saviour. After that first discipling step comes baptism to show forth that faith. Careful now, it takes teaching as the missionary may be working in a field where baptism has been construed to mean being born again or is thought of as an essential to full salvation. Teach those new converts the needed first principles of the doctrine of grace. Peter, preaching to a crowd having more biblical knowledge than the average crowd before a missionary today, instructed his converts "with many other words" before baptizing them (Acts 2:40). We've met many who hold closed communion while illogically holding open baptism.

But the "teaching" included in the Great Commission means more than mere instruction of the meaning and mode of baptism, and the Apostle Paul knew it. His goal -- and ours hopefully -- was that of training the newly baptized converts forming them into a simple organization called "church" or body of Christ. They now in turn must learn to carry on the sinner-saving and saint-edifying gospel preaching in their own locale. That calls for a local church. A local indigenous church. At least Paul so taught.

By "indigenous" as it pertains to missions we mean "growing naturally; not exotic; living as part of the environ." We might say weeds are indigenous in your garden. You didn't nurture them by any means; they grew and flourished of their own accord. Or take bananas. Bananas are indigenous to the tropical climes. But moved to the temperate zone they will not survive without special care. Put them in a greenhouse.

The churches Paul planted were not exotic, not western in an eastern culture. They were churches that needed no continuing greenhouse climate of missionary dollars. Rather, they stood as growing, going, sowing bodies of believers reaching their surrounds for Christ (I Thessalonians 1:8). They were replete with the well known but too little practiced "three self's": self-propagating, self-supporting and self-governing.

1. Self-propagating: "So send I you" refers the job of church planting to every new convert. It's been said that some churches in Korea require each new convert to win someone to Christ before he himself can qualify for baptism. Paul taught his followers early to evangelize for themselves, not to expect him, the missionary, to continually do the job for them.

2. Self-supporting: right from the beginning new believers must be taught their part in supporting the ministry of the newly formed organization, the local church. They are the church. The church's program is their program. Should not they support their program? After all they supported their pagan religions before.

3. Self-governing: there were no hierarchies in the New Testament. The same Holy Spirit who leads American Christians in church polity is quite able to lead the Brazilian, African, Filipino and Japanese. Paul founded local churches complete with their respective authority to rule themselves before God. A church with its body in Hong Kong, Asia and its head in Possum Trot, U.S.A. isn't local.

Of these three selfs, let the church planter be especially careful to emphasize and implant in the hearts of his converts number one as listed above -- self-propagation. Having done so the other two

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will come somewhat easy for a love for souls demands sacrificial giving (number 2) and a program worked out to do the job (number 3).

Thirdly, the missionary's church planting process should now include "confirming the souls of the disciples" (22a). This confirming is not a ceremony following a lengthy study of catachistic church doctrine and tradition. It is rather a "firming up" or strengthening of the believers in the biblical faith. Bring them to steadfastness in the Lord, not tossed to and fro by every wind of doctrine. That firming up will include "exhorting" (22b). Let's get on with it! Exhortation is part of the Christian life throughout and the lack of it will result in flabby faithlessness. When we're done with exhorting as preachers we're done! Further, confirmation will include warning; there's "tribulation" ahead for any who will live putting God's kingdom first (22c cp. II Timothy 3:12). In our personal missionary experience we found this warning most helpful to our new, rejoicing converts who otherwise would have been open bait for the adversary. Sharp and painful reaction of kindred and acquaintance (and sometimes worse) will be the usual run of the course, says Paul.

Fourthly, Paul "ordained" (set in order) them elders in every church. . ." (23a). This very act predicts the missionary's demise from the scene. No longer is he to be the spiritual leader of that flock. A national Timothy should have been groomed by now, in the cases of our textual study, a Lystranite, Iconiumite or Antiochian respectively. The missionary who doesn't step down has stepped backwards in the progress of fulfilling the Great Commission. The national Timothy should have long ago been brought to the fore by the missionary as a co-pastor. By this action the flock has been taught to follow the national (natural) shepherd instead of the foreign (exotic).

We come now to the fifth and final step -- and perhaps the most difficult one to execute in the church planting process--disengagement. The local body of Christ is now to be "commended. . . to the Lord" (23c). The timing of this vital step should not be decided without prayer and fasting (23b). The whole process of indigenization could go awry here if the missionary leaves too soon. On the one hand have the babes in Christ been brought to a degree of maturity to stand alone? On the other, if the missionary stays too long he must answer his Lord why did he hinder the total process of indigenization by his continued presence? And why did he allow, by his delay, possibly hundreds of thousands in another pioneer area go wanting for the sound of the gospel? Blessed be the missionary who can rightly ascertain that he now "has no more place in these parts" (Romans 15:23) and disengages from that place and work for another pioneer work (Romans 15:20).

The missionary's natural fear for the flock (how can they do without me?) should assuage with his fasting and praying. After all he is committing these beloved converts unto the Lord "on whom they believed" (23d); he'll recall that they are not really his converts. Commend them to better hands, "to the Lord" in whom they now trust.

That's the process. Now where are the processors?

The missionary needed today -- still -- is the church planter.

Editor's Note: The author of this splendid article is Rev. DeElda Payton. He and his family are serving the Lord effectively in the Philippine Islands under A.B.W.E. Brother Payton is a graduate of Cedarville College and is well known in our OARB churches.

O.A.R.B.C. Talents For Christ

Saturday, April 15, on Cedarville College campus, fifty talented young people gathered for the annual State Talents for Christ contest. These young people represented twenty-nine churches of our Ohio Association. At the end of the day, five young people were selected to represent our Association at the National Talents for Christ competition in Seattle June 24 and 25.

The young people selected include Mr. Larry Ball from Temple Baptist Church in Portsmouth in the boy's public speaking category, Mr. Mark Hefner of Grace Baptist Church of Lima in the brass category, Miss Cheryl Sprunger of Norwood Baptist Church of Norwood in the piano category, Miss Karen Sewell of Emmanuel Baptist of Toledo in the organ category, and Miss Cindy Wilkins of Grace Baptist Church of Lima in the Bible knowledge category.

Other young people include the following who won first division ratings: Brian Johnson, Washington Heights Baptist Church, Dayton, in boy's voice; Rodney Meek, Calvary Baptist Church, Coshocton, in boy's voice; Jeff Acker, First Baptist Church, Strongsville, in piano; Marcie McKelveen, Fellowship Baptist Church, Lorain, in piano; Shelly Ferre, Memorial Baptist Church, Columbus, in girl's voice; Karen Anderson, Emmanuel Baptist Church, Toledo, in woodwind; Linda Monroe, Grace Baptist Church, Cedarville, in woodwind; Catherine Kuhn, Emmanuel Baptist Church, Toledo, in strings; Martha Schneeberger, New Harmony Baptist Church, New Matamoras, in brass; Tim Williams, Euclid Ave. Baptist Church, Lorain, in boy's public speaking; and Cheryl Keller, Blessed Hope Baptist Church, Springfield, in girl's public speaking.

Second division ratings were received by the following: Steve Ryan, Graham Road Baptist Church, Cuyahoga Falls, in boy's voice; Gene Wise, First Baptist Church, Wauseon, in boy's voice; Kathy Dadum, Memorial Baptist Church, Columbus, in Bible knowledge; Beth Summerlin, Temple Baptist Church, Portsmouth, in Bible knowledge; Danette Wetzel, Grace Baptist Church, Cedarville, in piano; Corine Keefer, First Baptist Church, Galion, in piano; Nancy Baker, Northfield Baptist Church, Northfield, in girl's voice; Laurie Logan, Lewis Ave. Baptist Church, Toledo, in woodwind; Dan Betzel, Euclid Ave. Baptist Church, Lorain, in woodwind; Linda Smith, Grace Baptist Church, Toledo, string; David Sugg, Faith Baptist Church, Holgate, in boy's public speaking; and Cindy Dugan, Lewis Ave. Baptist Church, Toledo, in girl's public speaking.

Third division ratings were received by the following young people: Brian Teaman, Faith Baptist Church, Amherst, in boy's voice; Tab Walter, First Baptist Church,

Galion, in boy's voice; Nancy Czarnecki, First Baptist Church, Elyria, in Bible knowledge; Sue Hull, First Baptist Church, Elyria, in Bible knowledge; Karen Taulien, Euclid-Nottingham Baptist Church, Euclid, in piano; Danette Wetzel, Grace Baptist Church, Cedarville, in girl's voice; Cindy Williams, Fellowship Baptist Church, Lorain, in girl's voice; Kevin Fulkerson, Lewis Ave. Baptist Church, Toledo, in brass; Jeff Waldo, First Baptist Church, Elyria, in boy's public speaking; and Marlon Burton, Grace Baptist Church, Westerville, in boy's public speaking.

Judges were enthusiastic in the possibilities for future years after hearing from those participants able to come back next year. Plans are already underway to make every pastor in our Association aware of the total Talents for Christ, 1977, picture so as to enlist them as promoters in their churches. Only 29 of 180 churches were represented this year. An unofficial goal of 200 young people is set for next year when the annual meeting will be held in Iowa. The key to improvement of our Talents for Christ program will be communication.

Our young people representing our state in the national contest will be presenting their program at the State Youth Rally in Columbus on May 15. Be sure to hear these talented young people who have dedicated their talents to glorifying our Lord.

Our judges included Dave and Vickie Jensen, Jeanette Wuebben, Roger Wilson, Dean Kool, Jim Neely, Peggy Busch, Adrienne Susan, Ellen West, Tom Flowers, Margaret Wheeler, Larry Fetzer, Jeff Bower, John Street, Phil McClure and Warren Webber, to whom we, the State Youth Committee, say an enormous thank you for their sacrificial gift of their time.

Let us pray especially for the young people mentioned in paragraph two of this article who will be going to Seattle, Washington to compete in the national TALENTS FOR CHRIST contest. We will announce any OHIO winners at Seattle in our June/July issue.

The Boys Will Laugh

I remember when I was a boy how my dear mother would draw me to herself and speak to me so solemnly of the importance of trusting the Lord Jesus Christ as my Saviour, and I would say to her: "Well, Mother, I would like to do it, but the boys will laugh at me."

Mother used to say, "Harry, remember, they may laugh you into hell, but they can never laugh you out of it." And, Oh, how that used to go home to me, and it stayed with me all through the years.

Yes, men may sneer and ridicule and not understand us as we come out for Christ, but after all, His is the only approval worth having.

Fellowship Baptist Church, Lorain, Ohio

Two of our OARBC churches are now combined - the Trinity Baptist Church and the Emmanuel Baptist Church. . . both of Lorain. They have selected as their name - the FELLOWSHIP BAPTIST CHURCH. The combined group meets in the building that was once the Emmanuel Baptist Church at 5048 Broadway, Lorain, Ohio.

All the final details concerning this merger are pretty well worked out. Rev. Earl Willetts is continuing as Interim Pastor until that time when a new pastor is called. Such a merger means educating the people concerning the names of missionaries supported, the social agencies and the like.

The Minister of Christian Education (Emmanuel Baptist Church, Lorain), Rev. Robert Teis, is continuing in this capacity. He and his wife are busy working with the young people. Many plans are being laid for the immediate future.

We believe this merger will strengthen the testimony of our people in the Lorain area and in distant areas as well. It is a joy to see how well this "coming together" has been blessed of the Lord.

School Named For 'Uncle Jack' Willetts

We learned the other day that a new Middle School, being erected in Brunswick, Ohio, has been named - THE J.D. WILLETTTS MIDDLE SCHOOL. This is in recognition of the splendid work Mr. Willetts did during the years he served as Superintendent of the Brunswick Schools' system. We would like to congratulate him. We like the idea very much!

Mr. J. D. Willetts is none other than our very own "Uncle Jack" Willetts, Director of Camp Patmos. After leaving his work as superintendent, due to health reasons, the Lord led him to accept the position of Director at Patmos. To young and old alike - especially at Camp Patmos - he is just plain "Uncle Jack". We greatly appreciate the work he is doing at our camp. We are glad the Lord has led him to become a part of our camp ministry program.

Conference On Evangelism

For the third time in its eight years of ministry, the Committee On Missionary Evangelism returns to Ohio for its Annual Meeting and Conference On Evangelism. This year it will convene in the Faith Baptist Church of Kenton, Ohio where Rev. Robert J. DeBoer is the pastor.

Pastor DeBoer writes, "We are grateful for the opportunity to share in the Annual Conference of the Committee On Missionary Evangelism."

Featured in this conference will be Rev. James Dersham, Executive Director of the Fellowship of Baptists for Home Missions and Rev. Don Trott, Executive Director of the National Informissions Conference. Included on the program will be C.O.M.E. evangelists Cobb, Horner, Haddad and Morrell with Mark Squires caring for the conference music.

A cordial invitation is extended to all O.I.B. readers to attend. Limited overnight accommodations are being provided by the host church. Should our readers be interested in free housing please call (419) 675-6174, or write the host church - Faith Baptist Church, Route #4, Kenton, Ohio - 43326.

The dates of the conference are May 12-16.

Xenia Area 'Youth For Truth' Rallies

The March Xenia Area Youth for Truth Rally held at Washington Heights Baptist Church of Dayton, found 220 people gathered for a great afternoon. Scott DeWitt led the group in singing followed by a challenge by Dr. Jim Phipps, Director of Scioto Hills Baptist Youth Camp. Special music was provided by Dan and Sue Steere.

Our April Rally will be held at Emmanuel Baptist Church of Xenia on the 17th. Dayton Christian Schools will provide special music along with the showing of the film: "He Restoreth My Soul." May 15 we will join all state young people in Columbus for a great State Youth Rally. July 9 will find us at Kings Island for a big day. Great things are already set for the 1976-77 school year.

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A Word About Christian Young Women: Titus 2:4-5

What the Holy Spirit of God has recorded through the pen of Paul to Timothy and Titus with regard to the character and conduct of Christian young women, should be carefully read, understood, and taught. The material is both instructive and timely, and is certainly relevant in this generation, and important to the life and experience of young women who are true believers, both in the local church assemblies and outside the church in their daily walk. Pastors are responsible for making clear this teaching to their people despite the sensitive areas into which it enters. It is certain that God has given His servants a teaching and instructional ground for their direction of the natural age groups in the local congregations. This is clear from the opening statement in Titus 2:1, where the original text reads:

"Now thou, do thou continue to speak the things that are becoming for healthy teaching." Then the Apostle continues, in the following context, with certain regulations for Christian behaviour among the various classes of people who make up the assemblies, and with which the servants of God must deal. We shall consider briefly the last-named group in this study: the Christian young women, indicated in vv. 4-5.

When introducing the subject of older women in v. 3, the Apostle is moved to link them in their character and conduct directly to the younger women of the church. The senior women must be holy, of godly character, not false accusers, and not given to imbibing in strong drink, while possessing the ability to teach good things both by oral teaching and example, in order that they may counsel and instruct the younger Christian women in the disciplines of the Christian walk - not of course as interfering busybodies, but as experienced, humble advisers in the matters of married life, the home, etc. Young Christian women should not hesitate to turn to the senior Christian women for advice and counsel, and they should not refuse to accept good teaching and counsel when properly and affectionately given by those Christian women who are older and more matured in these vital matters. There is utterly no reason why this kind of valuable Christian ministry and instruction should not be carried on with discretion and understanding in the light of the Scriptures, and in full and harmonious concord and agreement. The verb rendered "they may teach" in v. 4a, is *sōphronidzōsin*, "to moderate, discipline, hold one to her rightful duty, and keep her in control of herself, thus to admonish and exhort." It repeats the adjective "sober-minded" used in v. 2, and which follows here in v. 5, rendered "discreet." This is the kind of disciplinary training and calling to soundness of mind, to one's self-control and moderation of conduct, in which the older Christian women are to exercise themselves in teaching and helping younger Christian women. Older women will call the younger ones to a firm holding to duty and responsibility, with emphasis upon sober-mindedness and self-discipline. It must be noted that great stress is laid upon this matter of "sober-mindedness."

There is a wide-spread lack of such character today among younger women in general.

First of all, following the help which the older Christian women are able to give, younger Christian women are to love their husbands. The Greek has just two words: *einai philandrous*, "to be husband-lovers." It may seem to some readers to be hardly necessary for Christian young women to be admonished and disciplined to love their husbands, and their children (which follows next). However, these two admonitions are actually a good, much-needed sermon for the young women of our day, many of whom have exhibited an astonishing lack of this particular kind of love. Divorce rates keep climbing, and child desertion (by both parents), and adoption by foster parents increase every year. There is no finer portrait of young wives and their husbands and children than the one drawn here under inspiration, by the Apostle Paul. Beginning with the word on sound-mindedness, and moving on down through this list of virtues, the counsel of the grey-haired women who are saintly to the more youthful wives of the church assemblies is clear to the point.

The younger wives shall listen to the older ones. They are to be in love with their husbands and not be lured aside by some seeming "better arrangement," or an imaginary irreconcilable difference. Any real differences should be worked out and settled prior to marriage. Young wives must continue to be in love with their husbands, and not turn to some other man. Young people should study systematically through the Word of God on the subject of marriage before they engage in the marriage relationship, seeking out good pastoral counsel when necessary. This would eliminate many of the problems which, in some cases, come to light later on. The corruption and perversion of morals in our modern age have relegated the marriage relationship to the realm of the "old-fashioned, antiquated, no longer essential." Separations, divorces, pre-marital sexual intercourse, and communal living have become "the thing," common, acceptable, and form a large, growing part of the ordinary way of life. This is most significant in view of the modern views of contemporary liberal church-men and theologians, free-thinkers and situationalist preachers - the home-disturbing tactics of whom are actually foreseen and predicted by Paul in Titus 1:11.

Secondly, younger Christian

women are to have real love for and devotion to their children. In the over-all sense, truly affectionate young wives and mothers is an ideal sadly missing in today's world. There are plenty of examples on every hand of professing Christian women who lack true maternal affection. The Greek text has one word: *philoteknos*, "children-lovers." The young Christian housewife will not fail to show her real affection for her children by carefully teaching and training them, disciplining them, bringing them to the Word, to Christ. This is a domestic scene here, a family portrait, in which the young Christian wife plays a central part, trusting in the Lord, loving her husband and children, listening to the good advice of older godly women who have their welfare at heart. In our day, young women who put their careers, or jobs, before the welfare of their own children, are displaying definite and dangerous weakness of character and judgment, are not "sound-minded," and are deliberately inviting trouble.

Third, young women are to be "discreet," i.e. prudent, judicious, careful and circumspect in their actions and judgments. The Greek word is the same as in vv. 2 and 4, *sōphronas*, and stresses sobriety, sound-mindedness, and good balance. We thank God for the many fine young Christian wives and mothers who possess such dignity and discretion.

Fourth, young Christian women are to be "chaste" (*hagnas*), i.e. pure, virtuous, unsullied. Their sexual life is to be consummated and contained in their marriage relationship, and not engaged outside of it either prior to or after their marriage. The ideal in this Biblical teaching is sadly lacking in our day, when young women of High School and College age see nothing wrong in pre-marital sex, and indulge in it with promiscuity. But the word "chaste" (*hagnas*) closes the door abruptly upon such practices, and shows them to be totally illicit. It is of interest to note that Timothy is exhorted by Paul to retain the same quality (1 Tim. 5:22).

In the fifth place, younger women are to be "keepers at home," (*oikourgous*). This Greek word designates "home-makers," young Christian wives who take pride in their homes, and devote their energies to making them real family-abodes. It is a truly domestic term, describing the activity of the young wife in making and keeping her home attractive, neat, disciplined, and comfortable. Such wives as this really "mind their housekeeping," their special and particular domain is the home, though it may indeed be humble and inauspicious. Irrespective of current popular opinion and the heavy accent on "women's lib" in our day, the place of the young Christian wife and mother is in the home, minding it, managing it, making it what it ought to be for her husband and children. And let the Christian young woman be assured that hers is a place of dignity, excellence, and esteem, which only she herself can fill.

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Sixth, the characteristic "good" (*agathas*) goes closely with "keepers at home," for the young Christian wife will be occupied in doing what is good and beneficial in her home for husband and children, and even for others as well. The "good" which she does is intrinsic, the kind of good which penetrates within, and leaves its influence in the heart, and mind, and soul, helping to turn the spirit more toward God. This is a picture of those who are real homebodies and housekeepers, dispensing all good things in their particular domain. Homes with such wives and mothers are storehouses of good, places where goodness is dispensed to all at every opportunity. Such homes as these may be called in the true sense "good homes."

Finally, younger Christian women are to be "obedient to their own husbands." The verb appears in the present middle participial form, *hupotassomenas*, "subjecting themselves, being submissive" to their own husbands. The full teaching of the relation of husband and wife is found in Eph. 5:22-33, in the light of which the other briefer references should be considered. This is to be taught to the younger women by the older ones, who must be qualified for producing sober-mindedness and discretion in the younger women. The Christian young woman must be ready and willing to submit herself to her husband in accord with the Scriptures. She is not a doormat, and her subjection is not to be such as is unreasonable and irrational, for her place in management of the home is the work of the Christian wife, the husband is the head of the home, as our Head is Christ, and this is the proper order. However, the place of the Christian wife is at her husband's side, not beneath his feet.

This word about Christian young women is highly important, and there is more said by the Apostle about women than any of the other members of the church. Much depends on the women, although they do not occupy the place of headship and authority, as they faithfully fill their own God-given places. To a large extent, the world judges the local churches by the character and conduct which it sees in the women of those churches.

The purpose in this instruction and obedience to it is "that the Word of God be not blasphemed" (v.5). Such purpose not only requires the proper character and conduct in Christian young women, but reaches back to the older women also, for they must be saintly, and thus fit for giving counsel and for inspiring the sound-mindedness, obedience, love, dignity, and faithfulness in the younger women. Any inconsistency anywhere in this pattern of things will vilify the Word of God, and bring reproach upon it.

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PANEL DISCUSSION

Mr. Austin Elmore, Associate Professor of Biological Science at Cedarville College participated in a panel discussion at nearby Central State University on February 5, 1976. The discussion centered around "Creation vs. Evolution" as each participant shared his views on the origins of man and truth of the Scriptures.

Other panel members were: Dr. Mel Fine, Professor of Biology at Central State; and Rev. Thomas Cox, the Catholic Chaplain for three area colleges including Central State. This was the second year that Mr. Elmore had been asked to sit on the panel for this discussion.

Mr. Elmore, who came to Cedarville in 1961, graduated from Wabash College in 1931. In 1945, he attended Butler University as a special student in Greek and finished the work for his Master's degree at Indiana University. From 1933-1961, Mr. Elmore served in the pastorate. He ministered to churches in Oklahoma and Indiana before entering the teaching profession in Science.

MARCH CONCERTS

The Indiana Chamber Singers, Don Wyrzten, and Steve Boalt all performed in concert at Cedarville College during the month of March.

On March 8, 1976, the 30-voice Chamber Singers of Indiana University School of Music in Bloomington, Indiana, appeared in Cedarville as part of their spring tour of the Eastern United States. The program included compositions by several American composers; among them Samuel Barber's *Reincarnations*, and several Early American hymns. The highlight of the performance was the singing of the Brahms's *Liebeslieder* Waltzes for chorus and two pianists. The singers were conducted by Dr. Allan Ross.

Don Wyrzten, composer, conductor, arranger and keyboard artist appeared in concert at Cedarville on March 12, 1976, along with recording artist and Cedarville alumnus Steve Boalt. They presented a two-hour concert of sacred music. The men also gave their personal testimonies. To conclude the evening, the men took requests for favorites from the audience, then sang and played an impromptu medley of the songs.

THE NEW CHAPEL

The new chapel currently under construction at Cedarville College is a work of faith and a testimony of the love and dedication of all who labor and study at Cedarville "for the Word of God and the testimony of Jesus Christ." Within this building men and women will be given spiritual training and the challenge to use their knowledge to serve the Lord in their lives. The new chapel is located in the center of campus because it represents Cedarville College's belief that spiritual things are the center of all life and study.

The present chapel facility, a converted gymnasium furnished with old theater seats, will only seat slightly more than half of the student body. It is impossible to hold chapel services that include all members of the college family. The new 30,850 square foot chapel will seat 2,000 with room for expansion. This will more than accommodate the student body of 1130.

Chapel construction is proceeding at a rapid rate. The main work on the outside of the structure has been completed and the steeple was put in place on February 14th.

The sound system has been installed in the interior of the chapel and ceiling speakers are in. All offices and rooms have been roughed out and the walls constructed. Paneling has been put up in the main lobby, some of the hallways, and many of the rooms. The chapel should be finished in time for graduation ceremonies on June 5, 1976.

The Cedarville College Women's Fellowship is raising money for a new, specially built organ for the chapel - the Allen Digital Computer Organ. This organ is needed in order to properly train students in advanced forms of organ literature.

In order to remain on schedule for chapel payments, \$500,000 must be raised by May 31, 1976. To date, \$304,509 has come in for the chapel need.

Please continue to pray for the urgent needs of the chapel program. We trust that the Lord will use His willing servants to provide the funds as they are needed. We are thankful for those who have

West Moriah Association

Pastors of the West Moriah Association met on March 16th at the Hope Baptist Church in Columbus. Rev. Al D'Amato is the pastor of this fine church. Guest speaker for this meeting was Mr. Al Lehman, Business Administrator at Emmanuel Baptist Church in Toledo, Ohio. Brother Lehman spoke on "Financing: The Pastor's and the church's". Fifteen pastors were present. At this meeting it was voted to present Rev. William L. Moser with a check to be used to purchase a book for his library. This was in appreciation for his work as Secretary of this fellowship. Brother Moser has left his work in Lancaster to begin a ministry in Streetsboro, Ohio.

already helped in this manner. Faculty, staff and students alike are sacrificing in order to see that the chapel is built and properly equipped because they are aware of the acute need for the structure.

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Two hundred years ago a few good men were dedicated to their task and a new nation was born. Among them Christians such as John Witherspoon and Ezra Stiles greatly influenced the direction of our young nation. Today more than ever our country needs Christian youth who are willing to be educated for leadership roles within our society. We need young men and women who can communicate God's view of government and work toward a government limited in authority and regulated by God's law.

We at Cedarville are dedicated to such a task. In 1976 the Department of Social Science is offering to help those interested in government, pre-law, research and teaching. In addition, majors in American and European History, Comprehensive Social Science, History and Political Science, Pre-Law, and Behavioral Science are available. Minors are offered in all these areas and in Sociology.

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